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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Goepel on 29 July 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims have been amended as follows:

Claims 1 now recites:

1. A method for consolidating computing devices, comprising:

sending a discovery agent over a network connection to at least one computing device;

receiving a first data set from the discovery agent indicative of characteristics of the at least one computing device;

displaying, on a display of a user computing device, at least one difference between the first data set and a second data set, wherein the second data set is from a second computing device other than the at least one computing device that was the source of the first data set and the first data set comprises information indicative of at least one application resident on the at least one computing device and the second data set comprises information indicative of at least one application resident on the second computing device;

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installing a version of the at least one application resident on the at least one computing device on the second computing device;

removing at least one application resident on the at least one computing device; and

removing the discovery agent from the at least one computing device.

Claims 2, 5, 8 and 9 are CANCELLED.

Claim 4 now recites:

4. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the at least one computing device is a server computer among a plurality of server computers.

Claim 6 now recites:

6. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein at least one of the first and second data sets comprises information indicative of at least one process executing on the at least one computing device.

Claim 7 now recites:

7. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the act of displaying at least one difference between the first and second data sets comprises displaying an indication of a difference in the at least one application in both the first data set and the second data set.

Claim 16 now recites:

16. A method of consolidating services performed on a first and second computing device to a second computing device, comprising:

sending a discovery agent to the first computing device to determine a plurality of services provided by the first computing device;

receiving a first set of information from the discovery agent indicative of the plurality of services provided by the first computing device;

comparing the first set of information to a second set of information indicative of a plurality of services provided by a second computing device to determine at least one service provided by the first computing device that is not available on the second computing device;

changing the services performed by the second computing device to include the at least one service of the plurality of services provided by the first computing device that is not available on the second computing device;

removing at least one service of the plurality of services provided by the first computing device; and

removing the discovery agent from the first computing device.

Claim 17 is CANCELLED.

Claim 18 now recites:

18. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the discovery agent comprises computer executable instructions for determining system characteristics on the first computing device.

Claim 20 now recites:

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20. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the discovery agent comprises computer executable instructions for determining executable process characteristics on the first computing device.

Claim 22 now recites:

22. The method as recited in claim 16 where the discovery agent is executed by way of a remote procedure call.

Claim 23 now recites:

23. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the discovery agent communicates the first set of information by way of named pipes.

Claim 24 now recites:

24. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the services comprise an application service provided by the first computing device.

Claim 25 now recites:

25. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the services comprise a database service.

Claim 26 now recites:

26. The method as recited in claim 16 wherein the discovery agent comprises computer executable instructions for determining database characteristics on the first computing device.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 10-16, and 18-27 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 10-16, and 18-27 recite methods for consolidating computing devices that recite determining differences between applications or services between at least two computing devices by deployment of a discovery agent on at least one of the computing devices, installing at least one application or service on the at least one computing device on another computing device after determining the differences between the computing devices, removing at least one application or service on the other computing device, and removing the discovery agent, which is distinguished from the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George C. Neurauter, Jr. whose telephone number is (571)272-3918. The examiner can normally be reached on the hours between 8:30am-5:00pm Eastern.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tonia Dollinger, can be reached on 571-272-4170. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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